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### ARTISTS OF ALL AGES ENCOURAGED TO ENTER **WHAT WOULD MLK SAY? POSTER CONTEST**

Ithaca, NY – The Tompkins County Office of Human Rights (OHR) is launching a new poster contest that invites Tompkins County artists **of all ages** to apply their creative efforts to the question, **“What Would MLK Say Today?”** The submission deadline is 12 noon on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at the Office of Human Rights, 120 W. State Street, Ithaca, NY. Full guidelines for the contest can be obtained in person at the office or on the Human Rights website at <http://tompkinscountyny.gov/humanrights>.

There are four age categories for the contest: Children (ages 5-9), Youth (ages 10-13), Teen (ages 14-18), and Adult (ages 19 and up). There are prizes for first, second, and third place for each age category. Winners will be announced on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at the GIAC Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day Breakfast. The breakfast takes place in the Beverly J. Martin gym from 9am-11:30am. Subsequently, there will be a celebration of the winners at the annual Human Rights Commission Dinner on January 30, 2015. Selected entries will be on display on the Avenue of Friends in the Tompkins County Public Library during Black History Month, February 2015.

Human Rights Director Karen Baer notes, “This contest is an opportunity for Tompkins County residents of all ages to imagine and express how MLK’s timeless strategies for equality can address today’s challenges.”

The Tompkins County Office of Human Rights (OHR) is a department of the County charged with providing civil rights enforcement and outreach programming. They handle complaints of discrimination in housing, employment, lending, public accommodation, and education. If you feel you have been discriminated against or you have questions regarding your human rights or the rights of others, contact: Tompkins County Office of Human Rights: 120 W. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street, Ithaca, NY 14850, 607-277-4080 or [humanrights@tompkins-co.org](mailto:humanrights@tompkins-co.org).

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